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1. [redacted] riots of peasants in Kazakhstan, which developed into open clashes between the local population and MVD troops which were rushed to these regions, is spreading also to adjoining areas, the High-Altai, Barnaul and Sorokino regions, in Western Mongolia and Western Siberia respectively.
2. Towards the end of September 1951 the local Communist Party authorities made a general survey, ~~as they had earlier in Kazakhstan~~, and allegedly found that some 20,000 kolkhoz members also in these regions have violated the law concerning the institution of kolkhozes. [redacted] 50
[redacted] land-survey and field registry records were falsified, 50X
kolkhoz inventories on livestock and on grain stocks were forged, which made it possible to hide production surpluses and to appropriate illegally fields belonging to kolkhozes. These irregularities were going on allegedly for several years during which, the authorities claim, the Soviet State has lost hundred thousands tons of grain and other agricultural produce, meat, fat, etc., which instead of having been delivered, were consumed by the kolkhozniks (kolkhoz members).
3. In view of these discovered alleged gross irregularities, which evidently could not have occurred without the knowledge of the kolkhoz managements and other local authorities, the Chairman of the Central Committee of High-Altai CP, Eysin, the Director of the Agricultural Department of the same District, OBLOC, and scores of kolkhoz inspectors, managers and other local officials were arrested. At the same time many thousand hectares of land, the individual holdings of kolkhoz members, were confiscated and incorporated into the kolkhozes under the pretext that they have been appropriated illegally by the present individual holders. The owners of these holdings were brought before mass-trials for the violation of kolkhoz laws. During the execution of these drastic measures several clashes occurred between the MVD and the aroused local population. 50X1-HUM

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4. In the course of these proceedings the authorities started mass-deportations in the Barnaul region starting early October 1950. Those mainly affected by these measures are the so-called 'voluntary settlers,' who were brought to these parts of Siberia between 1940-50 from Eastern Europe, mainly from Lithuania, Latvia and Byelo-Russia. It should be noted in this connection that a total of about 240,000 of such Europeans were brought to the High-Altaï region up to 1950.

5. These large-scale investigations, arrests and land confiscations are still going on, consequently it cannot be foreseen how many people will be affected by these deportations and other Soviet punitive measures."

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